

**Question for written answer E-001766/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Death of 17-year old Palestinian prisoner Walid Ahmad in Israeli prison

On 17 April 2025, children's rights non-governmental organisation Defense for Children International – Palestine (DCIP) reported¹ the death of 17-year old Palestinian prisoner Walid Ahmad earlier this month in the Israeli Megiddo prison after months of untreated infections, prolonged malnutrition, dehydration and intense beatings from Israeli forces. DCIP expressed its concerns that Palestinian child prisoners are systematically isolated from the outside world and face torture in Israeli prisons.

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the current conditions in Israeli prisons, in particular for Palestinian prisoners?
2. Can the Commission rule out the possibility that any EU funding has benefited any Israeli detention facilities, either directly or indirectly?
3. Has the Commission addressed the death of Mr Ahmad, as well as the general detention conditions of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli prisons with the Israeli authorities, if so, how, and with what effects?

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¹ https://www.dci-palestine.org/17_year_old_palestinian_child_prisoner_starved_to_death_by_israeli_prison_guards.